

## **MINUTES**

### **MONTANA SENATE 65th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES**

**Call to Order:** Chair Chas Vincent, on April 3, 2017 at 3:00 PM, in Room 303 Capitol

#### **ROLL CALL**

##### **Members Present:**

Sen. Chas Vincent, Chair (R)  
Sen. Jeffrey W. Welborn, Vice Chair (R)  
Sen. Dick Barrett (D)  
Sen. Jill Cohenour (D)  
Sen. Pat Connell (R)  
Sen. Jennifer Fielder (R)  
Sen. Jedediah Hinkle (R)  
Sen. Mary McNally (D)  
Sen. Mike Phillips (D)  
Sen. JP Pomnichowski (D)  
Sen. Tom Richmond (R)

##### **Members Excused:**

Sen. Duane Ankney (R)

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Pat Christian, Committee Secretary  
Hope Stockwell, Legislative Branch

**Audio Committees:** These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

##### **Committee Business Summary:**

Executive Action:

HJ 9: Be Concurred In As Amended  
HB 368: Be Concurred In As Amended  
HB 424: Be Concurred In As Amended

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 424**

00:01:12 **Motion:** Sen. Welborn moved that **HB 424 BE CONCURRED IN.**

00:02:00 **Motion:** Sen. Welborn moved that **HB 424 BE AMENDED.**

[EXHIBIT](#)(nas69a01)

**Discussion:**

00:02:17 Sen. Fielder

00:03:18 Sen. Cohenour

00:03:30 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Ankney and Sen. Pomnichowski voted by proxy.

00:03:40 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Welborn moved that **HB 424 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED.** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Ankney and Sen. Pomnichowski voted by proxy. Sen. Vincent will carry the bill.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 368**

00:04:40 **Motion:** Sen. Welborn moved that **HB 368 BE CONCURRED IN.**

**Discussion:**

00:04:45 Hope Stockwell, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

[EXHIBIT](#)(nas69a02)

00:04:58 Chair Vincent

00:05:23 Ms. Stockwell, LSD

00:06:15 **Vote:** On Amendment HB036802.AHS. (see timestamp 00:13:05)

00:06:45 **Motion:** Sen. Cohenour moved that **HB 368 BE AMENDED.**

[EXHIBIT](#)(nas69a03)

**Discussion:**

00:07:56 Chair Vincent

00:07:09 Sen. Cohenour

00:07:45 Sen. Hinkle

00:07:51 Sen. Cohenour

00:08:15 Sen. Barrett

00:08:41 Chair Vincent

00:08:52 Sen. Fielder

00:09:23 Chair Vincent

00:09:50 Ms. Stockwell

00:09:58 Sen. Connell

00:10:44 Sen. Fielder

00:11:16 Chair Vincent

00:11:36 Sen. Cohenour

00:12:10 **Vote:** Motion carried 11-1 by voice vote with Sen. Fielder voting no. Sen. Ankney and Sen. Pomnichowski voted by proxy.

00:12:54 **Motion:** Sen. Welborn moved that **HB 368 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED.**

00:13:05 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Welborn moved that **HB 368 BE AMENDED.** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Ankney and Sen. Pomnichowski voted by proxy.

00:13:32 **Motion:** Sen. Welborn moved that **HB 368 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED.**

**Discussion:**

00:13:35 Chair Vincent

00:13:49 Sen. Barrett

00:14:00 Sen. Cohenour

00:14:08 Sen Pomnichowski entered the meeting.

00:14:14 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Ankney voted by proxy. Sen. Pomnichowski will carry the bill.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HJ 9**

00:14:52 **Motion:** Sen. Welborn moved that **HJ 9 BE CONCURRED IN.**

**Discussion:**

00:14:58 Chair Vincent

00:15:04 Hope Stockwell, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

00:15:10 **Motion:** Sen. Phillips moved that **HJ 9 BE AMENDED.**

**EXHIBIT**(nas69a04)

**Discussion:**

00:15:40 Ms. Stockwell, LSD

00:16:04 Sen. Phillips

00:16:26 Ms. Stockwell

00:17:05 Chair Vincent

00:17:50 Sen. Phillips

00:18:52 Sen. Connell

00:20:01 Sen. Cohenour

00:20:04 Sen. Fielder

00:21:18 Sen. Phillips

00:22:03 Sen. Cohenour

00:23:12 Sen. Fielder

00:24:02 Sen. Barrett  
00:24:36 Chair Vincent

00:25:52 **Vote:** Motion failed 5-7 by roll call vote with Sen. Barrett, Sen. Cohenour, Sen. McNally, Sen. Phillips and Sen. Pomnichowski voting aye. Sen. Ankney voted by proxy.

00:25:54 **Motion:** Sen. Connell moved that **HJ 9 BE AMENDED.**  
**EXHIBIT**(nas69a05)

**Discussion:**

00:26:02 Sen. Connell  
00:28:41 Sen. Hinkle  
00:28:47 Sen. Connell  
00:29:03 Sen. Phillips  
00:29:40 Sen. Connell  
00:29:57 Sen. Barrett  
00:30:17 Sen. Connell

00:30:50 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote. Sen. Ankney voted by proxy.

00:31:47 **Motion:** Sen. Welborn moved that **HJ 9 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED.**

00:32:01 **Motion:** Sen. Connell moved that **HJ 9 BE AMENDED CONCEPTUALLY.**

**Discussion:**

00:33:05 Sen. Phillips  
00:33:41 Sen. Connell  
00:34:44 Chair Vincent  
00:35:07 Sen. Connell  
00:35:28 Ms. Stockwell  
00:36:17 Sen. Phillips  
00:36:37 Chair Vincent  
00:38:00 Sen. Fielder  
00:38:14 Ms. Stockwell  
00:38:27 Chair Vincent

00:38:47 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote. Sen. Ankney voted by proxy.

00:39:22 **Motion:** Sen. Welborn moved that **HJ 9 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED.**

**Discussion:**

00:39:27 Sen. Cohenour  
00:39:55 Sen. Fielder

00:40:50      **Motion:** Sen. Pomnichowski moved that **HJ 9 BE AMENDED.**  
**EXHIBIT**(nas69a06)

**Discussion:**

00:42:01      Sen. Hinkle

00:42:08      **Vote:** Motion failed 5-7 by roll call vote with Sen. Barrett, Sen. Cohenour, Sen. McNally, Sen. Phillips and Sen. Pomnichowski voting aye. Sen. Ankney voted by proxy.

00:42:43      **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Welborn moved that **HJ 9 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED.** Motion carried 7-5 by roll call vote with Sen. Barrett, Sen. Cohenour, Sen. McNally, Sen. Phillips and Sen. Pomnichowski voting no. Sen. Ankney voted by proxy. Sen. Vincent will carry the bill.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 3:43 PM

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Pat Christian, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT**([nas69aad.pdf](#))